

July 18, 2008

Action Items Adopted by the Task Force

1. Send a letter from the Task Force to the Governor and four legislative leaders regarding principles to include in any bond affecting charge to Delta Vision and providing draft language in selected areas.
2. Receive second staff draft strategic plan and provide direction to staff for third staff draft for August (Agenda item 5). Possible areas to develop in third staff draft strategic plan include:
  - Delta boundaries and land use policies, including transition strategies and phasing
  - Revenues/fees/financing
  - Delta agriculture, including consideration of designated preserves
  - Geography of Delta: changes expected including levees, infrastructure, emergency services
  - Lay out staging/phasing approaches for major proposals, such as governance and ecosystem revitalization
  - Acknowledge other policy processes focused on the Delta
3. Requests to other Delta processes – e.g., BDCP, ERP/DFG, DRMS/DWR -- for statements regarding work products, policy effects, time lines to action and to effects (in preparation for August meeting). Additionally, request a status report on the EIR/EIS for BDCP.
4. Organize comments on staff draft strategic plans into a matrix format including:
  - Author and organization
  - General reaction to staff draft (e.g., supporting, opposing...)
  - Brief summary of key recommendations
5. Examine and possibly rebalance local government involvement in governance structures proposed by the Strategic Plan.
6. Clarify governance graphic relationships.

*Requests to Others:*

7. To SWRCB and OAG: What is the actual legal authority of the SWRCB to grant interim relief?
8. To SWRCB: If lacking sufficient authority currently to provide interim/emergency decisions during catastrophic water shortages in the Delta, provide information on what legal authority would be needed to allow the Board to act.
9. To SWRCB: Provide written comments on the Strategic Plan within 2 weeks.
10. To Chris Scheuring, California Farm Bureau: Can the Farm Bureau support re-energizing the Agriculture Water Management Council?
11. To Chair Isenberg: Write a preamble or “foreword” to the Strategic Plan. Within this, explain what the Strategic Plan is NOT doing to clarify and emphasize what it IS doing.
12. To state/federal officials panelists: If ideas for specific statutory revisions to improve their agency’s functioning, provide these to the Task Force.
13. To local/regional officials panelists: Provide comments on the Strategic Plan as soon as possible.
14. To Chris Stevens: Request an analysis of two recent cases, one involving Proposition 218 in the Silicon Valley and the second involving endangered species act policies and the headwaters forest.
15. To Greg Gartrell: Cost of fish screens for CCWD.